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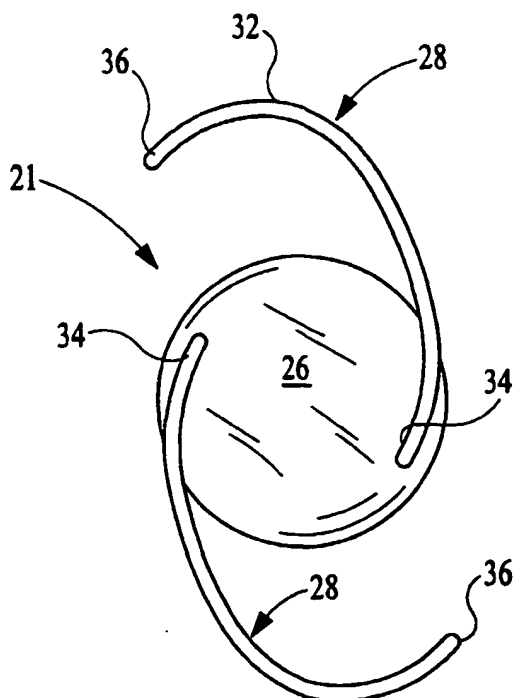
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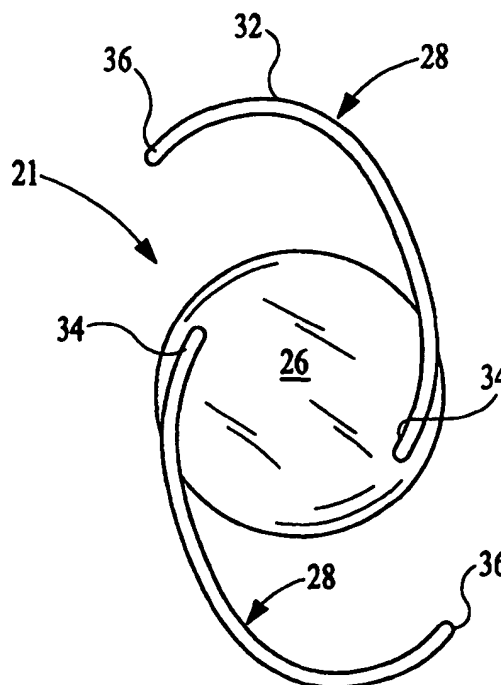
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(57) Abstract

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original claims 1, 4, 15 and 20 amended; original claims 18 and 19 cancelled;
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1. An ophthalmic lens body comprising a cross-linked polymeric material comprising a first constituent derived from a first monomeric component selected from the group consisting of acrylates, methacrylates and mixtures thereof, and a second constituent derived from a second monomeric component in an amount effective as a crosslinker in the cross-linked polymeric material, at least a portion of the first monomeric component includes branched chain alkyl groups and provides about 1% or less to about 25% by weight of the cross-linked polymeric material, the cross-linked polymeric material having branched chain alkyl groups in an amount effective to reduce the tackiness of the cross-linked polymeric material relative to a substantially identical cross-linked polymeric material without the branched chain alkyl groups.

2. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 which is selected from the group consisting of optics of intraocular lenses, contact lenses and corneal implants.

3. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 which is a deformable optic of an intraocular lens.

4. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the at least a portion of the first monomeric component including branched chain alkyl groups provides about 3% to about 25% by weight of the cross-linked polymeric material.

5. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the cross-linked polymeric material includes a third constituent derived from a third monomeric component, other than the first and second monomeric components, selected

from the group consisting of acrylates, methacrylates and mixtures thereof.

5 6. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 4 wherein the cross-linked polymeric material includes a third constituent derived from a third monomeric component, other than the first and second monomeric components, selected from the group consisting of acrylates, methacrylates and mixtures thereof.

5 7. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 6 wherein the first monomeric component is selected from the group consisting of acrylates having a branched chain alkyl group and mixtures thereof and the third monomeric component is selected from the group consisting of methacrylates and mixtures thereof.

8. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the branched chain alkyl groups are selected from the class consisting of alkyl groups having 3 to about 20 carbon atoms and mixtures thereof.

9. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the branched chain alkyl groups are selected from the class consisting of about 6 to about 15 carbon atoms and mixtures thereof.

10. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the cross-linked polymeric material has an index of refraction of at least about 1.50.

11. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the cross-linked polymeric material includes aryl-containing groups in an amount effective to increase the index of refraction of the cross-linked polymeric material relative

- 5 to the index of refraction of a substantially identical cross-linked polymeric material without the aryl-containing groups.

12. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the cross-linked polymeric material has a glass transition temperature of about 22°C or less.

13. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 which is substantially homogeneous.

14. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the cross-linked polymeric material is substantially free of hydrophilic groups effective to reduce the tackiness of the cross-linked polymeric material.

15 15. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the at least a portion of the first monomeric component including branched chain alkyl groups is selected from the group consisting of 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl methacrylate, 2,2-dimethylpropyl acrylate, 2,2-dimethylpropyl methacrylate, trimethylcyclohexyl acrylate, trimethylcyclohexyl methacrylate, isobutyl acrylate, isobutyl methacrylate, isopentyl acrylate, isopentyl methacrylate and mixtures thereof.

10 16. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the second monomeric component is selected from the group consisting of tetraethylene glycol dimethacrylate, alkyl acrylate, alkyl methacrylate, trifunctional acrylates, 15 trifunctional methacrylates, tetrafunctional acrylates, tetrafunctional methacrylates and mixtures thereof.

17. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 5 wherein the third monomeric component is selected from the group

consisting of benzyl acrylate, benzyl methacrylate, phenyl
acrylate, phenyl methacrylate, phenoxy alkyl acrylates,
5 phenoxy alkyl methacrylates, carbazole acrylates, carbazole
methacrylates, biphenyl acrylates, biphenyl methacrylates,
naphthyl acrylates, naphthyl methacrylates and mixtures
thereof.

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20. An intraocular lens sized and adapted to be
deformed for insertion through an incision into a mammalian
eye, the intraocular lens comprising a cross-linked
polymeric material comprising a first constituent derived
5 from a first monomeric component selected from the group
consisting of acrylates having a branched chain alkyl
group, methacrylates having a branched chain alkyl group
and mixtures thereof, a second constituent derived from a
second monomeric component in an amount effective as a
10 cross linker in the cross-linked polymeric material, and a
third constituent derived from a third monomeric component,
other than the first and second monomeric components, the
homopolymers of which have an index of refraction of at
least about 1.50, the first monomeric component provides
15 about 1% or less to about 25% by weight of the cross-linked
polymeric material, the cross-linked polymeric material
having branched chain alkyl groups in an amount effective
to reduce the tackiness of the cross-linked polymeric
material relative to a substantially identical cross-linked
20 polymeric material without the branched chain alkyl groups.

21. The ophthalmic lens body of claim 1 wherein the
cross-linked polymeric material is substantially free of a
fluoro-containing constituent.

25 22. The intraocular lens of claim 20 wherein the
cross-linked polymeric material is substantially free of a
fluoro-containing constituent.

30 23. The intraocular lens of claim 20 wherein the
first monomeric component provides about 3% to about 25% by
weight of the cross-linked polymeric material.

35 24. The intraocular lens of claim 20 wherein the
first monomeric component is selected from the group
consisting of 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl
methacrylate, 2,2-dimethylpropyl acrylate, 2,2-
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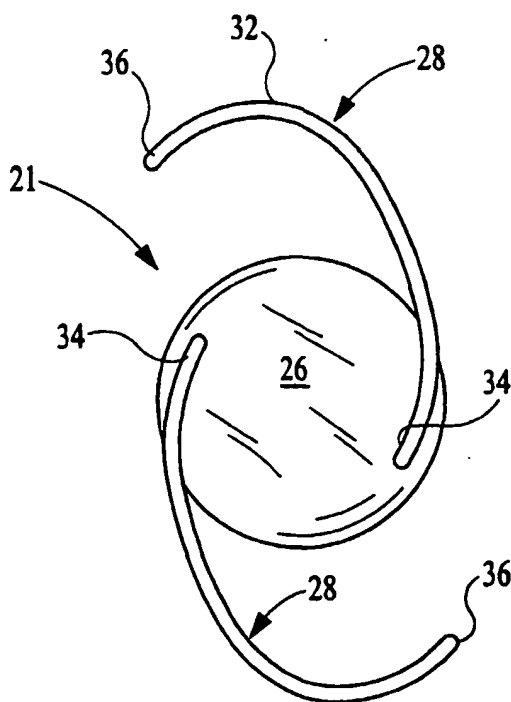
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